



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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RE: MUR 5610  
Dole North Carolina Victory  
Committee, Inc. and Mike Mitchell,  
as treasurer

Dear Ms Mitchell:

This is to confirm our conversation this morning and to respond to your letter dated December 14, 2004, requesting an extension until January 31, 2005 to submit a response to the Commission's finding of reason to believe the Dole North Carolina Victory Committee, Inc. and Mike Mitchell, as treasurer ("the Committee"), violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(c)(5), 432(h)(1), 434(b)(4)(H)(v), 434(6)(B)(v), and 441b(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

Considering the Federal Election Commission's responsibilities to act expeditiously in the conduct of investigations, the Office of the General Counsel cannot grant your full request, but can only agree to a 30 day extension. Because of the federal holiday on January 17, 2005, the response is due by close of business on January 18, 2005. You agreed to provide a preliminary response by January 18, 2005, including but not limited to: information previously provided to the Department of Justice; evidence of any procedures, policies and/or safeguards put in place by the Committee; information regarding any changes you claim were made to those procedures; an explanation of the corporate contributions referenced in the Factual and Legal Analysis; and access to information relevant to the audit currently being conducted by the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexandra Dumas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alexandra Dumas  
Attorney

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